

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 3 and 4. This sheet, which includes Fig. 3 and 4, replaces the previously submitted sheet including Fig. 3 and 4.

Attachment: Replacement and Annotated Sheets

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-4, 6-24, and 27-28 are pending.

Claim 3 has been amended to substitute a word "diameter" for a "cross section" for consistency as suggested by the Examiner.

Claims 5 and 25-26 have been cancelled.

Support for the amendments is found in the claims and specification, as originally filed.

Applicants have further filed Figures 3 and 4 requested by the Examiner showing the embodiments in which the filling aid does not have a rigid terminating element (element 4 on Fig. 1 and 2). Thus, Figures 3 and 4 are the same as Figures 1 and 2 except element 4 is not included in Fig. 3-4. Support for the amendments is found on pages 2, line 6, to page 3, line 3, the original claims, and the Examples.

The specification has also been amended to incorporate a description of Figures 3 and 4 and to correct a clerical error.

No new matter is believed to have been added. Applicants request that the objection to the drawings, the specification and the claims be withdrawn.

A Notice of Allowance for all pending claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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